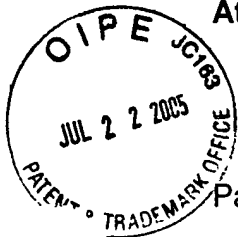


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Patent Number : 6,914,171 B2

Issued : July 5, 2005

Name of Patentee : Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Title of Invention : *Brassica Napus* with Early Maturity (Early *Napus*) and Resistance to an AHAS-Inhibitor Herbicide

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2. The exact page and line number where the errors are shown correctly in the application file are:

Claim 5, page 19, line 15, of the specification, the word "sulfonylurea" is spelled correctly. It is also spelled correctly in the Amendment After Final filed on January 28, 2005, on page 3, under "Listing of Claims". In the issued patent, column 11, line 43, the word "sulfonylures" should read "sulfonylurea". Copies of both the respective page of the specification and the Amendment After Final are attached for the convenience of the office.

Claim 60 (renumbered as claim 30) was amended and is correctly described on page 2, section titled "Examiner's Amendment" sent with the Notice of Allowability issued March 4, 2005. In the issued patent, column 12, line 60, the word "form" should read "from".

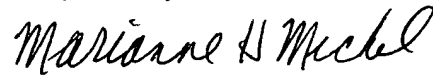
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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS;

1. A plant cell of a *Brassica napus* plant which is Early Napus and resistant to at least one AHAS-inhibitor herbicide.
- 5 2. The plant cell of claim 1, wherein said AHAS-inhibitor herbicide is an imidazolinone.
3. The plant cell of claim 2, wherein said imidazolinone is imazethapyr or
10 imazamox or a combination thereof.
4. The plant cell of claim 1, wherein said AHAS-inhibitor herbicide is a sulfonylurea.
- 15 5. The plant cell of claim 4, wherein said sulfonylurea is thifensulfuron methyl.
6. The plant cell of claim 1, wherein said plant is designated variety NS3801, representative seed of said variety having been deposited under ATCC Accession No. PTA-2470.
- 20 7. A tissue culture of regenerable cells of a *Brassica napus* plant which is Early Napus and resistant to at least one AHAS-inhibitor herbicide.
8. The tissue culture of claim 7, wherein said AHAS-inhibitor herbicide is an
25 imidazolinone.
9. The tissue culture of claim 8, wherein said imidazolinone is imazethapyr or imazamox or a combination thereof.
- 30 10. The tissue culture of claim 7, wherein said AHAS-inhibitor herbicide is a sulfonylurea.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application. No. : 09/994,092 Confirmation No. 7842
Applicant : David G. Charne, et al.
Filed : November 16, 2001
TC/A.U. : 1638
Examiner : David H. Kruse
Docket No. : 1271
Customer No. : 27310
Title : *Brassica Napus* with Early Maturity (Early Napus) and
Resistance to an AHAS-Inhibitor Herbicide

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of October 1, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page two of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page three of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page eight of this paper.

Serial No. 09/994,092
Amendment Dated January 28, 2005
Reply to Office Action of October 1, 2004

Amendments to the Specification:

Please cancel the previous amendment to the specification on page 18 and replace with the following new paragraph.

The deposit will be maintained at ATCC, P.O. Box 1549, Manassas, VA 201008. Access to this deposit will be available during the pendency of the application to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and persons determined by the Commissioner to be entitled thereto upon request. This deposit will be maintained under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure. The deposit will irrevocably and without restriction or condition be available to the public upon issuance of a patent. However, it should be understood that the availability of a deposit does not constitute a license to practice the subject invention in derogation of patent rights granted by government action or under the Plant Variety Protection Act (7 USC 2321 et seq.).

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A plant cell of a *Brassica napus* plant which is Early Napus and resistant to at least one AHAS-inhibitor herbicide, wherein said plant is ~~designated~~—variety NS3801, representative seed of said variety having been deposited under ATCC Accession No. PTA-2470.
2. (Original) The plant cell of claim 1, wherein said AHAS-inhibitor herbicide is an imidazolinone.
3. (Original) The plant cell of claim 2, wherein said imidazolinone is imazethapyr or imazamox or a combination thereof.
4. (Original) The plant cell of claim 1, wherein said AHAS-inhibitor herbicide is a sulfonylurea.
5. (Original) The plant cell of claim 4, wherein said sulfonylurea is thifensulfuron methyl.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) A tissue culture of regenerable cells of a *Brassica napus* plant which is Early Napus and resistant to at least one AHAS-inhibitor herbicide, wherein said plant is ~~designated~~—variety NS3801, representative

seed of said variety having been deposited under ATCC Accession No. PTA-2470.

8. (Original) The tissue culture of claim 7, wherein said AHAS-inhibitor herbicide is an imidazolinone.
9. (Original) The tissue culture of claim 8, wherein said imidazolinone is imazethapyr or imazamox or a combination thereof.
10. (Original) The tissue culture of claim 7, wherein said AHAS-inhibitor herbicide is a sulfonylurea.
11. (Original) The tissue culture of claim 10, wherein said sulfonylurea is thifensulfuron methyl.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Currently Amended) A *Brassica napus* plant or plant part which is Early Napus and resistant to at least one AHAS-inhibitor herbicide, wherein said plant is ~~designated~~ variety NS3801, representative seed of said variety having been deposited under ATCC Accession No. PTA-2470.
15. (Currently Amended) The plant part of claim 14, wherein said plant part is selected from a group consisting of a tissue, pollen, ovules, roots, leaves, seeds, and microspores ovule, root, leave, seed and microspore.

16. (Original) The plant part of claim 14, wherein said AHAS-inhibitor herbicide is an imidazolinone.
17. (Original) The plant part of claim 16, wherein said imidazolinone is imazethapyr or imazamox or a combination thereof.
18. (Original) The plant part of claim 14, wherein said AHAS-inhibitor herbicide is a sulfonylurea.
19. (Original) The plant part of claim 18, wherein said sulfonylurea is thifensulfuron methyl.
- 20 (Canceled)
21. (Original) A method for regenerating a *Brassica napus* plant which is Early Napus and resistant to at least one AHAS-inhibitor herbicide, the method comprising growing the plant part of claim 14 under conditions sufficient to produce a regenerated plant.
22. (Previously presented) A method for breeding a Brassica line comprising crossing a first Brassica plant which is Early Napus and resistant to at least one AHAS-inhibitor herbicide with a second Brassica plant different from said first plant, wherein said first Brassica plant is variety NS3801, representative seed of said variety having been deposited under ATCC Accession No. PTA-2470.
23. (Canceled)

24. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 22, wherein said AHAS-inhibitor herbicide is an imidazolinone.
25. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 24, wherein said imidazolinone is imazethapyr or imazamox or a combination thereof.
26. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 22, wherein said AHAS-inhibitor herbicide is a sulfonylurea.
27. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 26, wherein said sulfonylurea is thifensulfuron methyl.
28. (Canceled)
29. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a first generation (F1) hybrid seed comprising crossing a first *Brassica napus* plant that is Early Napus and resistant to at least one AHAS-inhibitor herbicide with a second *Brassica napus* plant different from said first plant and harvesting the resultant first generation (F1) hybrid seed, wherein said first plant is ~~designated~~ variety NS3801, representative seed of said variety having been deposited under ATCC Accession No. PTA-2470.
30. (Previously Presented) The method in accordance with claim 29, wherein said AHAS-inhibitor herbicide is an imidazolinone.
31. (Previously Presented) The method in accordance with claim 30, wherein said imidazolinone is imazethapyr or imazamox or a combination thereof.

32. (Previously Presented) The method in accordance with claim 29, wherein said AHAS-inhibitor herbicide is a sulfonylurea.
33. (Previously Presented) The method in accordance with claim 32, wherein said sulfonylurea is thifensulfuron methyl.
- 34-55. (Canceled)
56. (Currently Amended) A *Brassica napus* F1 progeny plant or plant part of variety NS3801, wherein said progeny plant or plant part is Early Napus and resistant to at least one AHAS-inhibitor herbicide, representative seed of said variety having been deposited under ATCC Accession No. PTA-2470.
57. (Canceled)
58. (Currently Amended) A *Brassica napus* F1 progeny plant seed of variety NS3801, wherein said progeny plant seed is Early Napus and resistant to at least one AHAS-inhibitor herbicide, representative seed of said variety having been deposited under ATCC Accession No. PTA-2470.
59. (Canceled)
60. (Currently Amended) A *Brassica napus* F1 progeny plant cell of variety NS3801, wherein said progeny plant cell is Early Napus and resistant to at least one AHAS-inhibitor herbicide, representative seed of said variety having been deposited under ATCC Accession No. PTA-2470.
61. (Canceled)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the present application is respectfully requested.

The deposit language on page 18 of the specification is objected to because it is unclear what the amendment is stating. The Examiner states that the amendment does not state where the deposit will be maintained and that lines 5-7 of the amendment appear to contradict the statement at lines 3-5.

The new address for ATCC has been added in a new deposit paragraph. Lines 5-7 have been removed. The new deposit paragraph is believed to be in proper form.

Claim 34 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

Claim 34 is canceled.

Claims 1, 7, 14 and 29 are objected to because of the following informalities: The phrase "plant is designated variety" should read ---plant is variety---.

Claims 1, 7, 14 and 29 have been amended accordingly.

Claim 15 is objected to because of the recitation of species as plural.

Claim 15 has been amended accordingly.

Claims 13, 23, 60 and 61 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 13 and 23 are canceled. Applicants maintain the right to pursue the claims in a continuation application.

The examiner objects to claim 60, lines 1-2, because the limitation "wherein said progeny plant cell" lacks proper antecedent basis within the claim.

Claim 60 has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis.

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The Examiner states that Claims 13 and 23 remain rejected and claims 56, 58 and 60 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement and the enablement requirement.

Applicants traverse the rejections. However, Claims 13 and 23 have been canceled and Claims 56, 58 and 60 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to expedite prosecution. Applicants maintain the right to file a continuation application to pursue further arguments regarding the canceled claims.

In view of the above comments and amendments, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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TITLE OF INVENTION: BRASSICA NAPUS WITH EARLY MATURITY (EARLY NAPUS) AND RESISTANCE TO AN AHAS-INHIBITOR HERBICIDE

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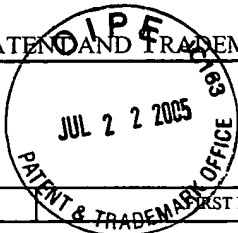
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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 28 January 2005.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7-11, 14-19, 21, 22, 24-27, 29-33, 56, 58 and 60.

3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Marianne H. Michel on 16 February 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

At claim 15, line 3, "leave" has been amended to -- leaf --.

At claim 56, line 1, "part of" has been amended to read -- part produced from --.

At claim 58, line 1, "seed of" has been amended to read -- seed produced from --.

At claim 60, line 1, "cell of" has been amended to read -- cell produced from --.

2. The above amendments are made to correct matters of form and to make the claims clearer and do not change the scope of the claims. Applicant's attorney Marianne H. Michel approved these amendments.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David H. Kruse, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0799. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Amy Nelson can be reached at (571) 272-0804. The fax telephone number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

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DAVID H. KRUSE, Ph.D.
PATENT EXAMINER



David H. Kruse, Ph.D.
16 February 2005

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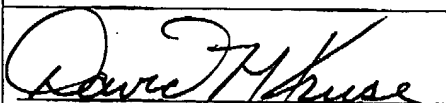
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- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 11,

Lines 43-44 should read as follows:

-- The plant cell of claim 4, wherein said sulfonylurea is thifensulfuron methyl. --

Column 12,

Lines 60-64, should read as follows:

-- A Brassica napus F1 progeny plant cell produced from variety NS3801, wherein said progeny plant cell is Early Napus and resistant to at least one AHAS-inhibitor herbicide, representative seed of said variety having been deposited under ATCC Accession No. PTA-2470. --

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